

out there that is so easily converted into a major bomb?

How far do we go out of fear into this bunker mentality? How will Americans, in fact, resist this temptation to be held hostage to that kind of fear? We suggest that America will not be hostage to that fear, that solutions such as the Porter process may, in fact, be available, may have been available for 27 years and certainly cannot be ignored today.

Even if Mr. Porter's process is completely effective, as he intended, we know that ammonium nitrate can be chemically produced relatively easily instead of purchased. There are many other ways to make an explosive, other than using fertilizer in our country. In fact, according to ATF statistics, most criminal explosives in the United States involve something other than fertilizer and there would need to be effective compliance by fertilizer manufacturers worldwide if we are going to get control of this problem.

So I do not want to leave the impression that ammonium nitrate fertilizer is in and of itself a present and clear danger to the public. It can safely be used and stored; in fact, it is. The bottom line is that experts have concluded that it should be relatively easy to look at the technical and economic issues regarding Mr. Porter's patent developed and issued in 1968 and that it is highly desirable for us to conduct those studies not in the near future but in the very near future.

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In light of the commonly available information on fertilizer, its low cost, the commonly available information on how this common fertilizer can be converted into this huge bomb material, as well as the tragic incidents we have seen, when, in fact, someone has become so insane as to do what we saw in Oklahoma City, it would be irresponsible for us to fail to follow up on the work Mr. Porter conducted 30 years ago.

Thirty years ago, 28 years ago, 25 years ago, this Nation and the fertilizer industry were asked to take this issue seriously. Today, can we fail, after having seen what happened in Oklahoma City, after having seen how easy it is for that to happen again anywhere in America, if someone is insane enough to conduct that kind of terrorist attack upon public or private buildings, can we not take it seriously today? Do not Mr. Porter and Mr. Colbert deserve our attention to that issue today?

Mr. Porter appeared today after his patent has long expired, after he has no financial interest whatsoever in this process, he appeared today to urge us to take it seriously.

Mr. Colbert came from Kansas City on his own nickel to fly to Washington, DC, without a financial interest left in this issue, to come and tell us to take it seriously. Can we not heed their advice? Can we not heed, I am sure, the

message of Oklahoma City and take seriously what may be one of the answers, not all of the answers, to making this country a little more safe, to ending some of this fear which causes us to close down avenues like Pennsylvania, and to shut ourselves up into some kind of bunker mentality?

Mr. Speaker, I urge those within near reach of this special order to encourage this Congress, to encourage all who have something to say about what may be done in the next several weeks or months, to study this issue to make sure that it is not ignored in 1995 the way it was ignored in the late 1960's, the way it was ignored in 1970 and later on in Wisconsin when lawmakers had a chance then to visit this issue seriously and do something about the problem.

SENATE BILL REFERRED

A bill of the Senate of the following title was taken from the Speaker's table and, under the rule, referred as follows:

S. 184. An act to establish an Office for Rare Disease Research in the National Institutes of Health, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SCHROEDER) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Ms. KAPTUR, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. OWENS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. SCHROEDER, for 5 minutes, today.

EXTENSION OF REMARKS

By unanimous consent, permission to revise and extend remarks was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mrs. SCHROEDER) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. SERRANO in three instances.

Mrs. SCHROEDER.

Mr. STARK.

Mr. LANTOS.

Mr. OWENS.

Ms. KAPTUR.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. GOSS) and to include extraneous material:)

Mr. TALENT.

Mr. MARTINI.

Mr. PORTMAN.

Mr. SHAYS.

Mr. SHUSTER.

Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. TAUZIN. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 4 o'clock and 17 minutes

p.m.), under its previous order, the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, May 23, 1995, at 10:30 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 2 of rule XXIV, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

889. A letter from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting copies of international agreements, other than treaties, entered into by the United States, pursuant to 1 U.S.C. 112b(a); to the Committee on International Relations.

890. A letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting a letter expressing his concerns with regard to H.R. 1561, the American Overseas Interests Act; to the Committee on International Relations.

891. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-51, "Toll Telecommunication Temporary Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code section 1-233(c) (1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

892. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-52, "Emergency Assistance Clarification Temporary Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c) (1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

893. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-53, "Merit Personnel Early Out Retirement Revisions Temporary Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c) (1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

894. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-54, "Revolving Credit Account Late Fee Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233 (c) (1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

895. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-55, "Budget Implementation Exemption Temporary Amendment Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c) (1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

896. A letter from the Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia, transmitting a copy of D.C. Act 11-56, "Foreign Trade Zones Act of 1995," pursuant to D.C. Code, section 1-233(c) (1); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

897. A letter from the Agency Freedom of Information Officer (1105), Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

898. A letter from the Chairman, Federal Trade Commission, transmitting a report of activities under the Freedom of Information Act for calendar year 1994, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552(d); to the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. GOSS: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 155. Resolution providing for the